

Proclamation

Presented to

Marion M. Higa

WHEREAS, Marion M. Higa retired in December 2012 after 41 years of service to the people of Hawai'i in the Office of the State Auditor; she worked her way up through the organization, holding every audit staff position, eventually being named as the State Auditor in 1992; and

WHEREAS, Marion M. Higa embraced and embodied objectivity and independence, principles that the drafters of the 1950 Hawai'i Constitution envisioned as the foundation for a State Auditor; and

WHEREAS, Marion M. Higa was once referred to by the Honolulu Star-Bulletin as "maybe the most trusted — and feared — woman in the islands"; and

WHEREAS, Marion M. Higa received the 2001 NCSL's Legislative Staff Achievement Award and the 2002 William R. Snodgrass Distinguished Leadership Award from the Association of Government Accountants, among many other awards and accolades; and

WHEREAS, Marion M. Higa aspired to be a teacher; although she never realized that dream, she taught and inspired countless of individuals — both in the public and private sector — about integrity, accountability and the responsibilities of good government; and

WHEREAS, Marion M. Higa is an avid traveler, retired in part to provide herself the opportunity to visit the handful of states that she has not yet visited, including North Dakota, South Dakota, Mississippi and Nebraska — let this be a warning to everyone to "get your house in order"; and

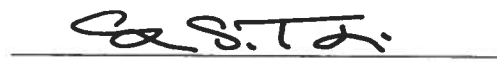
NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim April 17, 2013, as

"MARION M. HIGA DAY"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in expressing our gratitude to Ms. Higa for her courage, integrity, enduring spirit, and service to the people of Hawai'i as a fearless "watchdog of public spending."

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this tenth day of April, 2013.


NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i


SHAN S. TSUTSUI
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i